GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:59
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AUGMENTATION OF GROUND INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG COAST
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to augment the ground infrastructure of Coast Guard along the Indian Coast;

(b) if so, the whether the Coast Guard has prepared any programme for the purpose;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have allocated funds for the strengthening of Coast Guards patrolling in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea;

(e) if so, the details of funds allocated during the last three years; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the patrolling in Coastal regions, particularly the coasts of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 59 FOR 20.2.2003

Coast Guard has identified areas where maritime activity is increasing and coastline is vulnerable. Coast Guard has a plan to set up ten new Coast Guard Stations. Five Coast Guard Stations are proposed to be set up in Phase-I during the 2002-2007 Plan period and the remaining five Coast Guard stations in Phase-II during the 2007-2012 plan period. The locations of these Coast Guard Stations are:-

(i) Ratnagiri (Maharashtra)

(ii) Beypore (Kerala)

(iii) Kavaratti (Lakshwadweep Islands)

(iv) Pondichery (Union Territory)

(v) Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh)

(vi) Vadinar (Gujarat)

(vii) Jafrabad or Pipavav (Gujarat)

(viii) Gopalpur (Orissa)

(ix) Kamorta (Andaman & Nicobar Group of Islands)

(x) Bhatkal/Malpe (Karnataka)

Funds, allocated in the annual budget of Coast Guards during last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Capital	Revenue	Total
2000-2001	185.84	229.16	415.00
2001-2002	235.00	251.00	486.00
2002-2003	241.74	269.51	511.25

Following steps have been taken to strengthen patrolling:-

(i) One additional Advance Offshore Patrol Vessel (AOPV) has been positioned at Chennai.

(ii) Two Hovercrafts are based at Mandapam for patrolling Palk Bay/Gulf of Mannar.

(iii) Dornier squadron activated at Kochi.

(iv) Coast Guard Stations at Vizhinjam activated and one Interceptor Boat (IB) positioned.

(v) One additional Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) positioned at Kochi.

(vi) One Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) is being positioned at Kochi by April 2003.